

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
SPARTANBURG DIVISION

JANE DOES 1-9,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

COLLINS MURPHY, LIMESTONE
COLLEGE, MG FREESITES, LTD., d/b/a
PORNHUB.COM, and HAMMY MEDIA
LTD. d/b/a XHAMSTER.COM,

Defendants.

Case No.: 7:20-cv-00947-TMC

PLAINTIFFS' LOCAL RULE 26.03
ANSWERS

The Plaintiffs, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 26.03 D.S.C., respectfully submits the following answers to the Court's interrogatories.

1. A short statement of the facts of the case.

RESPONSE: On October 5, 2012, the Bellarmine University Knights traveled to Gaffney, South Carolina to face the Limestone College Saints in women's field hockey. Plaintiffs were members of the Bellarmine Knights field hockey team.

Upon arrival, Limestone College agents directed Plaintiffs to a men's locker room which was designated for their use both before and after the game. While in the subject locker room, Plaintiffs showered and changed clothes such that they were in a state of nudity for periods of time.

A Limestone College employee, Collins Murphy, secretly placed a video camera in the subject locker room prior to Plaintiffs' arrival on campus. The secretly placed video camera recorded Plaintiffs, without their knowledge or consent, while they were in a state of nudity. As intramural/summer conference director, Mr. Murphy had knowledge of sporting events

on campus and had access to athletic facilities, such as the subject locker room, with Limestone College's knowledge and consent.

During the course of his employment with Limestone College, Mr. Murphy secretly recorded multiple women changing clothes and taking showers in locker rooms between September 2012 and October 2013. At some point thereafter, the recording of the Plaintiffs was uploaded to various pornographic websites, including Pornhub.

On October 10, 2019, the Gaffney Police Department opened an investigation into the illegal video recordings which took place on Limestone College's campus. The investigation remains ongoing.

2. The names of fact witnesses likely to be called by the party and a brief summary of their expected testimony.

RESPONSE: Plaintiff is in the process of identifying witnesses but would generally identify the following witnesses:

The President of Limestone College during the periods alleged in the Third Amended Complaint. The President is expected to testify about the overall strategic planning in regards to the sustained performance of the institution and its hiring practices.

The Dean of Students/ Intramural affairs. The Dean is expected to testify about their involvement with the Student/Intramural affairs faculty and the overall operation and supervision of that department.

The Director of Human Resources. The Director of Human Resources is expected to testify about the hiring and firing practices of Limestone College, as well as the employee retention policies.

Members of the Board of Trustees of Limestone College. The members of the Board of trustees are expected to testify about the various board approved policies and procedures related to hiring and employee supervision at Limestone College.

Plaintiffs anticipate to receive the names of the various related employees of Limestone College as Discovery is conducted.

Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement this response as more information becomes available.

3. The names and subject matter of expert witnesses (if no witnesses have been identified, the subject matter and field of expertise should be given as to experts likely to be offered).

RESPONSE: Plaintiffs have not yet identified an expert witness at this time, but will identify such in accordance with the deadlines set forth in the proposed Consent Amended Scheduling Order.

4. A summary of all claims or defenses with statutory and/or case citations supporting the same.

RESPONSE: Plaintiffs asserts the following causes of action without limitation:

Invasion of Privacy – Wrongful Intrusion upon Private Affairs. *Swinton Creek Nursery v. EFC*, 334 S.C. 469, 514 S.E.2d 126 (S.C. 1999)

Invasion of Privacy – Wrongful Publicizing of Private Affairs. *Brown v. Pearson*, 326 S.C. 409, 483 S.E.2d 477 (S.C. App. 1996)

Invasion of Privacy -Wrongful Appropriation of Personality. *Gignilliat v. Gsb*, 684 S.E.2d 756, 385 S.C. 452 (S.C. 2009)

Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress - *Hansson v. Scalise Builders of S.C.*, 650 S.E.2d 68 (S.C. 2007)

Negligent Hiring - *Kase v. Ebert*, 392 S.C. 57, 707 S.E.2d 456 (S.C. App. 2011)

Negligent Supervision - *Kase v. Ebert*, 392 S.C. 57, 707 S.E.2d 456 (S.C. App. 2011)

Negligent Monitoring - *Doe v. Wal-mart Stores Inc.*, 393 S.C. 240, 711 S.E.2d 908 (S.C. 2011); *Huon v. Denton*, 841 F.3d 733, 742 (7th Cir. 2016)

False Light – *Gignilliat v. Gsb*, 684 S.E.2d 756, 385 S.C. 452 (S.C. 2009); *Ballengee v. CBS Broad., Inc.* (4th Cir. 2020)

Civil Conspiracy- *Hackworth v. Greywood at Hammett, LLC*, 682 S.E.2d 871, 385 S.C. 110 (S.C. App. 2009)

Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement this response.

5. Absent special instructions from the assigned judge, the parties shall propose dates for the following deadlines listed in Local Civil Rule 16:02:

(a) Exchange of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) expert disclosures; and

(b) Completion of discovery.

RESPONSE: Plaintiffs consented to the proposed Amended Scheduling Order which sets dates for expert disclosures and discovery.

6. The parties shall inform the Court whether there are any special circumstances which would affect the time frames applied in preparing the scheduling Order.

RESPONSE: The parties consulted and filed a Consent Amended Scheduling Order as the records in this case are voluminous and the parties agreed that they need additional time to review the records and conduct discovery.

7. The parties shall provide any additional information requested in the Pre-Scheduling Order (Local Civil Rule 16.01) or otherwise requested by the assigned judge.

RESPONSE: None at this time. Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement this response.

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Respectfully submitted,

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